Replacement of direct procurement system with income support system

2632. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for replacing the direct procurement system by supporting the farmers through income support system is being looked into;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a change;

(c) whether this is one of the aspects of the new foodgrains policy; and

(d) the specific advantages of the new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):

(a) No, Sir. No concrete proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of above.

Malpractices by jewllers

2633. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the recent survey conducted by BIS, it has been found that gold jewellery sold by almost leading jewellers in the country do not conform to the declared purity;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any concrete action against the jewellers who are selling sub-standard gold jewellery and cheating the public and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD):